

Comments on Applicant's Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground

These comments represent that South Downs National Park Authority's (SDNPA) position in respect of the Applicant's Statement of Commonality (Ref: PEPD-039) as it relates to our discussions regarding the impact of the development on the South Downs National Park.

Whilst it is appreciated that the proposed development and associated discussions with various parties is complex, the colour-coding appears overly complicated and is not truly reflective of the progression of those discussions and the draft Statements of Common Ground.

In respect of the SDNPA, we consider it would be more accurate to indicate the following areas as **Orange**, i.e. 'some matters under discussion/some matters not agreed':

- Alternatives
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Terrestrial Ecology/Nature Conservation
- Principle of Development

Whilst we remain open to discussions on these matters, it is clear that there are some areas where the applicant is not prepared/able to alter its position and therefore it would be more appropriate to accept that parties are unable to agree and move forward with matters where further discussion and resolution may be achievable.

There are other topic areas which have not been included as relevant in the Statement of Commonality, as it relates to the SDNPA, which we consider should be included:

- Socio-economics – this is a core part of the National Park Purposes, particularly where it relates to tourism and access. The SDNPA has been discussing matters relating to this with the applicant and would consider these to be matters under discussion and therefore **Yellow** (for the purposes of the table).
- Noise and Vibration – this is closely linked to the Landscape concerns, particularly as it relates to tranquillity and residential amenity. Given the discrete nature of this matter, we would consider this to be reflected as matters under discussion and therefore **Yellow**.